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THE proposal by 15
South American and
African countries calling
on the United Nations to
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for direct
talks between
Israel and the
Arabs on all outstanding
problems between them, including that of the
refugees, has cut a wide
swath through the newly
emerged and smaller nations of the 103 now entitled to vote. The proposal is not as ephemeral as it looks at first sight, and even if it does not obtain a majority it will force the nations to commit themselves to an opinion on some crucial points.

By now people scarcely
know any longer what
spells a realistic attitude
on the question of the
refugees. Is it realistic to accept with resignation the
fact that Arab countries
will not permit the
refugees to be settled because they cling to their
existence as the last, confused, hope of somehow destroying Israel? By and large, the United States and other powers have accepted this point of view and drawn the practical conclusion that, on the one hand, such care as is possible should be provided for the refugees pending a solution, and that general efforts should be made to work in the direction of such a solution.

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Fifteen Nations Urge Israel-Arab Talks

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Fifteen African and Latin American countries plus the Netherlands proposed yesterday that Israel and the Arabs hold a peace conference.

Peace Resolution Has Large Support

By JESSIE ZEL LURIE,
Jerusalem Post, Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — The 15-power peace resolution commands considerable support but no two-thirds majority. It reflects growing impatience by many African and Latin American powers with Arab intransigence.

The U.S. resolution is certain to pass through the Arab delegation head, rejected the resolution in advance. He had announced last week that those who intended to suggest negotiations in any resolution were wasting their time.

Sponsors of the resolution are Central African Republic, Chile, Congo (Brussels), Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Malagasy, Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Togo, Upper Volta and Uruguay.

The resolution noted the annual report of Dr. John Davis, head of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Arab Refugees, and his plan to maintain food and health services and to extend vocational training among the refugees in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Gaza Strip.

The resolution would recognize "that the establishment of peaceful relations between the Arab states and Israel could do much to facilitate a solution of the problem of the Arab refugees" and contribute to peace and welfare in the Middle East.

It concludes: "The General Assembly... renews its appeal to the governments concerned to undertake direct negotiations with the assistance of the Conciliation Commission for Palestine if they so desire — with a view to finding a solution acceptable to all the parties concerned, for all the questions in dispute between them including the question of the Arab refugees — and even threats.

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The Weather

FORECAST: Rains with scattered thunderstorms.

WEATHER SYNOPSIS: Barometric low over East Mediterranean.

Temperature: 75° F.

Humidity: 52% at 2 p.m. B)

Today's Temperature range: 63°

Today's Temperature forecast:

ARRIVALS

Mr. Richard Crossman, Labour M.P., for several days as guest of the Young Jewish Institute (Olympic).

Mr. William Johnston, former Director of the London Central School of Arts and Crafts, for three months to advise the Beited Art Department in Jerusalem on its curriculum, under UNESCO auspices.

Rabbi Edward Sandow, member of the Rabbinical Advisory Council of the United Jewish Appeal, Cedarhurst, L.I., N.Y.

DEPARTURES

Prof. Yaacov Bentor, of the Hebrew University's Geology Department, for a course to present Israel at this week's meeting of the International Commission for the Study of the Mediterranean.

Mr. Haim Levanon, head of the Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Giora Godik, the impresario, for Eastern Europe and the United States to contract several artist troupe for performances in Israel (by El Al).

Scattered Storms, Rain Predicted for Today

Rain and scattered thunderstorms are predicted for today by the weatherman. Temperature will drop by two to three degrees.

Elat yesterday was struck first by southerly winds which caused storms at sea and damage to fishing nets and boats, and later with northerly winds which brought an unusually heavy rain.

The rains penetrated the roots of the Housing Ministry. The Ministry engineers said the flats were designed to withstand all Elat rainstorms except perhaps those of an unusual nature occurring every 20 years or so.

Heavy rains also fell in Beersheba last night. Rain fell intermittently in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

'61 Nobel Laureate Coming to Rehovot

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — Professor Rudolf Mossbauer, Nobel Prize laureate in physics, will come to Rehovot next week as guest of the Weizmann Institute.

Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Chairman of the Institute's Executive Council, announced yesterday.

Prof. Mossbauer, of the California Institute of Technology, is still in Stockholm after receiving his award on Sunday. During his stay at the Institute, he will deliver one lecture on the "Mossbauer Effect," the work which brought him the prize.

LYDDA FLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY

ARRIVALS: El Al 102, from Johannesburg, 0600; O.A.C.T. 309, from Tel Aviv, 0915; El Al 208, from N.Y., London and Rome, 1735; El Al 434, from Munich and Athens, 1840; Swissair 230, from Zurich, 1940; El Al 254, from Paris and Zurich, 2000.

DEPARTURES: Cyprus Airways 63, to Nicosia, 0600; El Al 223, to Zurich and Paris, 0800; Air France to Rome and Paris, 1000; B.O.C. 200, to Geneva, London and New York, 1000; Olympic Airways 603, to Athens, 1000; El Al 431, to Rome and Brussels, 1200.

DIRECT TALKS

(Continued from Page 1) His efforts to identify and evaluate their former properties in Israel.

However, it makes no specific mention of the recommendation of Dr. Johnson that the special representative of the PCC should be continuing.

The U.S. resolution would have the Assembly note "with deep regret" that repatriation or compensation of the refugees as provided for in 1948 and 1951 resolutions "has not been effected."

The resolution also:

• Requests the PCC to insure its work on the identification and evaluation of Arab refugees immovable properties in Palestine, as of May 1948, when the Israel-Arab conflict started, and to try to finish this work by next September 1.

• Urges non-contributing governments to contribute a sum equivalent to their contributions to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Arab Refugees (UNRWA).

• That the UNRWA Director, Mr. John Davis, his staff, U.N. specialized agencies and private organizations for helping the refugees.

During the debate, Hassan

Rehovot Hut Dwellers Stone City Hall Demanding Houses**Protest Prompted by Series of Fires**

REHOVOT. — A mob from the Kfar Givat Quartier yesterday smashed all the windows of the Tel Aviv Housing junta and one policeman severely and another lightly in a mass stone-throwing demonstration touched off by the third serious fire in the quarter in two weeks.

A hut burned to the ground there early yesterday morning.

The 150 demonstrators demanded that the Municipality pull down the wooden huts they live in and erect proper houses.

The police only succeeded in dispersing the demonstrators after receiving large reinforcements. The demonstrators, however, were taken to hospital with deep cuts in his face from stones.

Twili Gets Pension; Calls Off Strike

TEL AVIV. — Amnon Twili yesterday ended his 5½-month-long sit-down strike in front of Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's home in Tel Aviv after, in effect, being granted his demands to be recognized as an army invalid.

Twili, 21, who is paralyzed in both legs and one arm, demanded that his state of invalidity be recognized as having been due to his army service and that the assistance he gets be officially, and not voluntarily, paid by the Defense Ministry.

Twili's demands had been rejected by a Defense Ministry invalidity panel which found that his paralyses had not resulted from his army service. They also claimed to have evidence that the fire was not accidental.

Outside the gates of the

hut, Mr. Eliyahu Waknin, his pregnant wife nor eight children were inside when the blaze started.

Moreover, Mr. Waknin had taken a vow that if his two-year-old son recovered from an illness, he would take the boy to Mount Zion for his first haircut. The entire family accompanied him on the excursion yesterday.

All of Mr. Waknin's store of goods that he sells from a stall in Rehovot — insured for IL 9,000 — was destroyed.

After the police had repulsed the demonstrators, the Mayor of Rehovot, Mr. Yitzhak Katz, told the delegation that the Government would provide houses in the near future.

A fortnight ago, when demonstrators also protested to Mr. Katz about a fire in which a mother and her baby were badly burned, the Mayor had promised them better fire fighting "services."

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Under the Roof of China

Mr. Ben-Gurion Visits Burnese 'Moshavim' at Namsang

By NAHUM PUNDIR

RANGOON. — The night Mr. Ben-Gurion spent in Namsang on the Chinese plateau near the Chinese border last week was indeed strange and exciting. A huge bonfire gave light and a little warmth against the cold of the mountain plateau. Against its flames, the shadows of the dancers became disturbingly disfigured. Its sparks flew like fireflies towards the starry sky. Flutes, drums, gongs and cymbals sounded to the beat of bamboo sticks, the shrill yelling of women and the gruff voices of men. It was a Burmese "Fush," a blend of historical drama and revue, staged in honour of "the old man from Israel."

He was enveloped in a black coat, only his halo of white hair reflecting the gleam of the bonfire. Exodus from all Burma's "Chains" — Burmese — and others and their women, dressed in tribal costume, displayed for him their proficiency in dance and music — war dances, love dances, dances against evil spirits, and for a good rice harvest. In the circle of spectators,

your feet begin to sense the unfamiliar rhythm of the music. Then you are pulled up by a rough hand on your right and a slim hand at your left. Your awkward European feet feel as though they don't belong to you any more. The Burmese woman dancing into your ear: "Aita beseid, kocha — smol, smol, emol yamin smol." Hebrew for "We are all right, like that — left, left, right, right."

Hebrei Songs

We flew from Rangoon to Namsang in Dakotas provided by the Air Force. When Mr. Ben-Gurion's aircraft landed at the airport, he was at the door of the plane, a group of 50 Burmese girls, their hair decorated with flowers, bouquets in their hands began singing "Heveta Shalom Aleichem." Mr. Ben-Gurion, beamng joined in the song. The moment he walked down the steps towards the airport committee, scores of infants began to wave Burmese and Israeli flags, while schoolchildren chanted "Bruchim Haba'im".

Mr. Ben-Gurion shook hands with the reception committee, consisting of 10 officers in charge of the Namsang resettlement project, headmen of the new cooperative villages and farmers, many of whom had a smattering of Hebrew, having stayed in moshavim and kibbutzim for over a year. Agricultural and cooperative training "during the last few years."

"Shalom," said pretty 23 year old Tin Tin Eh to Mr. Ben-Gurion, shikoeing Burmese fashion, her hands folded under her chin as a sign of respect. She had spent a year in Kfar Hittim.

Loaded with flowers, Mr. Ben-Gurion and his entourage entered the waiting cars, the children's indefatigable shouts of "Bruchim Haba'im" ringing in their ears. At the command centre of the army unit in charge of the Namsang project, the officer in charge gave a brief outline of the project. Three villages have already been established along cooperative lines, four more are under construction and a total of 20 villages comprising a total of 1,000 families are envisaged for the near future.

Less than three years ago this was bushland and tropical jungle. Now the farms are so fertile that a piece of bamboo lying on the ground will strike root and start growing anew.

The settlers are army veterans who have served at least ten years. Development, employment, internal security and strategic considerations are thus combined: the displaced tribes strategic routes leading into China and Thailand and gangs of rebels and bandits hide in the mountains and forests.

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Hanukka in Ramle Prison

By ADAM LYNFORD

THIS Minister of Police, senior police officers, judges and journalists were invited Sunday night to witness how some prisoners at Ramle Prison celebrated the last night of Hanukka — the freedom holiday — behind bars.

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